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October President's Message

October brings a change in many things. The foliage starts to change colors and get to be so beautiful. There already seems to be a hint of fall in the air even though the weather is still quite warm. I love to travel to the Smoky Mountains at this time of year and see how the leaves change from one color to another.

Hunters are preparing for their first hunt of the season. The men in my family always looked forward to hunting season. They start ahead of time, talking about it to each other and about where they will go hunting. Certain smells reminds me of those days. Soon people will be cutting wood for their wood burning fireplaces. Those times will be here before we know it.

There are still three Louisiana Hamfest remaining between now and the end of the year. They are: New Orleans 25 Sep. 2010, Alexandria on 9 Oct. 2010, and Minden on 18 Dec. 2010. I would encourage everyone to make as many of these as possible because it is always nice to be able to get out and visit and talk with old friends and maybe make some new ones.

We can all appreciate Roland setting up the new website. I think all the members will find it very easy to communicate with one another and it will take a load off Herman. I want to remind everyone to honor Roland's guidelines that it be used for passing items related to Amateur Radio and that it should not be used to make negative comments about other people.

The first round robin discussion of what to do with Amos was conducted on Monday 7:00 PM Sept 13, 2010. The discussion was moderated by Nick Pugh K5QXJ. Approximately 13 people participated providing very good ideas. A follow up discussion has been set for Monday Sept. 27 at the same time (7:30 PM). There will also be a discussion at the next club meeting about Amos.

Not everyone knows that the Club and ARES are two separate entities. It is the desire of ARRL Headquarters that the two functions be operated separate of each other. Now, I realize that club members as well as non-club members make up the ARES group. It is not necessary for an individual to be a club member in order to be a member of the ARES group. An inquiry has been made regarding the level of emergency communications and possible deployments during times of emergencies. Quite honestly these are areas which are primarily functions of ARES and we should perhaps lean on Ed Roy (WA5TNK), the Lafayette Parish EC and the ARES group members for a decision on these matters. It has also been pointed out that we may be able to acquire a grant through Homeland Security for the purchase of a trailer and certain communications gear and associated equipment such as a generator. It is wise to point out that equipment purchased with grant money will probably initially belong to the Parish rather than the club. If this equipment ends up being purchased with grant money then a storage location will need be worked out with the Parish. There will also need to be a written agreement worked out between the Parish, the Club and ARES such that both the Club and ARES will be able to use the trailer and equipment. Again, I would like to ask Ed Roy to handle these issues.

Jim and I drove to Mena, Arkansas September 9th thru 11th and attended the Mena Ham fest. We didn't win anything, but had a great time. This past weekend (Sept. 16-19) we traveled to Little Rock, AR and attended the CAREN Hamfest. Didn't win anything there either, but had an interesting trip.

It's exciting to see the participation in the Red and Blue Contact contest. It looks like it will be a close race. WAY TO GO TEAMS! Make sure you get your number of contacts to your Leader, either Charlie Morrison or Larry LeBlanc by the next meeting. I'm looking forward to the results and the Cake and Ice Cream Party.

Hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

73, and God bless all of you.
Irma Bookter KESUPK
AARA Club President

AARA CLUB MEETING
Thursday October 7, 2010
Red Cross Building
101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
7:00 PM

Programming Notes by Archie Hill W5AG - AARA VP

We had some stimulating discussions concerning our AMOS van this past September 13th and 27th on the 2 meter band after our AARA Monday Night Nets. I wish to thank Nick Pugh K5QXJ who handled the first on-air discussion and all those members who gave thoughtful comments and suggestions. Some of the main points included 1) vehicle mission, 2) insurance, 3) club member time commitment, 4) mechanical limitations, 5) operational limitations, 6) previous investment, and 7) available grants for emergency communications vehicles (to be under Parish authority and ownership). While some participants wished to retire AMOS, many were interested in maintaining AMOS in safe operating condition and making more use of AMOS at planned events.

One possible new event is the Teche canoe race. I received a call from Bert Beyt W5ZR, who had been contacted by Ray Pellerin, asking for ham radio participation in next year's "Tour de Teche" Canoe Race. Ray is in charge of planning the event which had its first run this past September. The race drew 60 boats from 12 states and one foreign country (Belize). There were 150 registrants including all those who assisted with planning and executing the event. The race begins in Porte Barre and ends 127 miles down stream in Patterson. Next year's the race will begin on the first Friday in October and last for three days with daily "stages." We have been asked to assist by providing a communications center that will update an internet site showing real-time race positions of boat crews. The communications center will receive radio updates from remote check points along the route. The communications center is scheduled to operate from 7 am until about midnight each day. Ray Pellerin will provide a talk on this subject at a future meeting next year.

Future meeting programs include a discussion of low power (QRP) operation by Dave Redfearn N4ELM in November and I will give a talk on "Charcoal Making for Soil Amendment and Alternative Fuel" at our October meeting. I hope to make it interesting showing some actual trial runs of a charcoal retort that uses 55 gallon drums to make charcoal from biomass.

DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday October 7th @ 7:00 PM
 VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
 Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
 Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Amateur Radio Club of Central
 Louisiana - October 9, 2010

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
 147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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DELTA DIVISION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Delta Division Distinguished Service Award is offered to any ham who over time has advanced the art of radio communications or demonstrated meritorious service to the ham radio community or to the general public. Emphasis is on "Service" and nominees should be of high moral and ethical character, family and community oriented as well as exemplifying the "Amateur's Code".

1. Nominees must reside in the Delta Division.
2. Nominees may be any license class.
3. Fill out the nomination form completely and attach documentation.
4. Submit the nomination form including documentation to your Section Manager. Note: Page 16 of QST has a list of Section Managers.
5. The Delta Division Distinguished Service Award will be conferred at the annual Delta Division Convention.
6. Deadline for nominations is November 1st of each year.
7. The committee may recognize more than one individual if multiple deserving nominations are received.
8. Decisions by the awards committee are final.

The Nomination form can be a simple cover sheet that contains the name/call/address/telephone number/email address for the person making the nomination and for the nominee. This information is needed in the event the committee needs further information.

Send your cover sheet containing the required information along with complete documentation to your Section Manager. See page 16 of QST for a list of Section Managers. Section Managers will review the paperwork and submit them to the Chairman of the Delta Division Distinguished Service Award Committee. The committee is composed of a chairman and committee members all of which are Assistant Directors in the Delta Division.

73,
 Ray Husher W5EW
 Chairman

Note: You can also get a list of your Delta Section Managers at the Delta Division website:
<http://www.arrldelta.org/>

AARA New Members

The *Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.* would like to welcome the following first time members to our club.

Joe Fain - W5XJF of Lafayette
 Mike McGrath - W5SIY of Lafayette.

THANKS

The AARA would like to extend our thanks to the following for making the LARC possible to non-internet members.

Gulf South Printing & Specialties for paper and labels.
Lafayette Salvation Army for use of their copy machine.

September 2010 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

CLUB MEETING:

The meeting was opened by the President Irma KE5UPK.

The opening prayer was by the PIO Herman KN5GRK.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

There were 32 members in attendance with 1 visitor.

The VE's reported that Thomas Guillory passed his Technician Exam.

Introductions: All of the attendees gave their names and call signs and any interesting contacts that they might have made since the last meeting.

Minutes: The August Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the September LARC Newsletter.

Financial Report: The August 10th Financial report was read Joy N5YCS. Any member needing a copy should contact Joy at: n5ycs@w5ddl.org.

Old Business: Irma KE5UPK thanked Archie W5AG for holding last month's meeting while she was absent.

Dick WA6MDI stated that the \$60 for a new repeater decoder will not be necessary, since he found one and it's working very nicely. Also, Dick stated that the \$500, to run emergency power to the re-located W5DDL repeater, will not be necessary either, since Mr. Joe Fain W5XJF (IT director for Chase Bank) will supply same. Ed WA5TNK suggested that due to all things given to the club by Mr. Fain, that the club make him a "Lifetime Honorary Member". The club voted on this suggestion and the ayes were in the majority.

The club discussed the future of AMOS and the committee assigned to this task. It was decided that the committee would meet after the club meeting and finalize a solution for AMOS.

Also, Archie W5AG will hold a discussion for any alternatives to AMOS on the 27th of September.

New Business: Herman KN5GRK reminded everyone that the club has switched to a more user "ham radio friendly" and less costly internet hosting service and our members and others should not have to make any changes. Our new hosting service is "qth.com".

Sandy KE5KJF, mentioned that the Cajun Cup Run will take place in November and she is making a list for those who want to volunteer.

Irma KE5UPK formed an internal contest with red and blue teams. These teams will log the number of contacts made by the next meeting. The winners get cake and ice cream. Red team leader is Charlie KI5XP and Blue team leader is Larry KE5KJD.

Irma also stated that the club will be losing member Dick WA6MDI who'll be moving to Shreveport.

Guest Speaker: After breaking for sandwiches and drinks, Archie W5AG and Jim N5NVP gave a nice, informative presentation and video on The National Traffic System.

Door Prizes:

1. Jim WB5AAA - Photo Album.
2. Greg K5LFT - ARRL Antenna Consortium Handbook.
3. Danny K5ARH - A set of wrenches.
4. Archie W5AG - ARRL FAQ book.

The ARRL books were donated by club member Virginia Bryant KE5DJA. The wrenches were donated by an anonymous non-member.

Respectfully Submitted:

Paul D. Scallan, Sr. K5VSH
Secretary, AARA

September VE Test Results

We had one person to test for Technician License and the results are:

Thomas N. Guillory of Lafayette, LA passed his Technician License and received the call sign KF5IJM.

VE's present were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH
Nick Pugh K5QXJ
Rick Breau N5RLM
Greg Dolan K5LFT
John Cunniff W4JHC
Archie Hill W5AG

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Amateur Radio Club of
Central Louisiana
Annual Hamfest



Date: Saturday Oct. 9, 2010

Time: 8:00 AM - til

Place: Kees Park Community Center

2450 Hwy. 28 East
Pineville, Louisiana

Talk-in: 147.330+ PL 173.8

146.520 APRS 144.390

Grand Prizes:

1st - Icom IC-220H

2nd - \$300.00 Cash

3rd - Icom IC-V82 HT

Drawing at 1:00 PM - Must be present to win hourly door prizes.

VE Testing: 8:30 AM

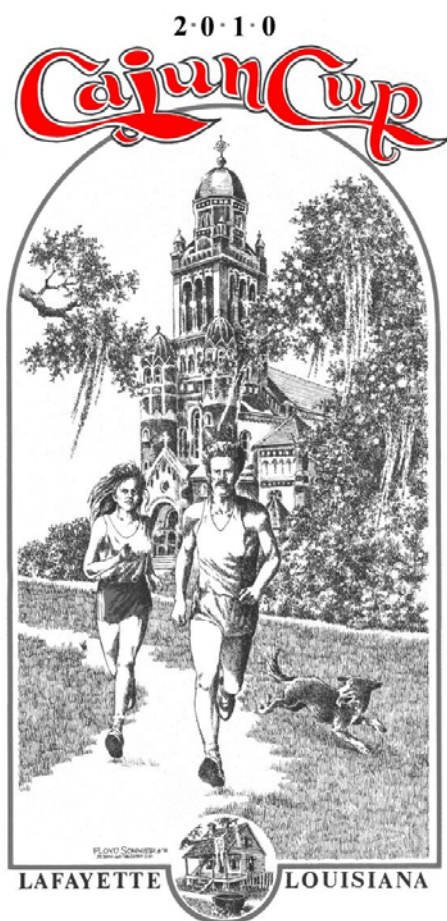
Forums: ARRL, ARES, & Others
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Website:

<http://www.clarc.us>



Cajun Cup 10K Run

NOVEMBER 13, 2010
8:05 AM

The AARA was asked to volunteer again this year to help out with the 2010 Cajun Cup Run. Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF volunteered to take the position of Chairperson to round up amateur radio operators to spot at mile markers around the track. Spotters will relay via ham radio the lead runner numbers and whether they are male/female to the operations center at the finish line in downtown Lafayette.

Ham operators helping in this event will receive a nice "T" shirt with the logo pictured on the left plus be presented with "free" food and drinks at the food courts located at the "Parc de Sans Souci" area on Polk and E. Vermillion Street.

The ham radio volunteers will gather in front of the old Federal Building on Jefferson between Main St. & Lee Avenue (702 Jefferson St.), same place as before at 7:00 AM. You will receive your "T" shirt and depart at 7:45 AM to your assigned posts. We will use the 146.82 W5DDL repeater and tactical calls (i.e. post 4, post 1) with your ID every 10 minutes.

<http://www.cajuncup10k.com/home.htm>



2010 BIRTHDAYS

10/10 HERMAN	KN5GRK
10/13 LEE	KX5J
10/27 LARRY	KE5KJD
10/27 DAGS	KE5CGN
11/1 JO ANN	KE5RPL
11/3 PAUL	K5VSH

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

AARA Cake & Ice Cream Contest

At the September meeting, our Club President Irma KE5UPK suggested a contest. Two teams were selected a Red Team led by Charlie KI5XP and a Blue Team led by Larry KE5KJD.

The object: The team that turns in the most QSO contacts (repeater, simplex, HF, EchoLink, etc.) will be treated to free Ice Cream and Cake at the October meeting.

Everyone at the meeting wanting to enter was asked to hold up their hands, then a count was made, all odd numbers are on the Blue Team, all even numbers are on the Red Team (I hope I got that right).

It will be interesting to see who will be the winners and will end up with Ice Cream and Cake. I did not get involved with this one, so no treats for me.

Our Club President usually asks if anyone made any interesting contacts during the month at the beginning of the meeting.

Herman KN5GRK
Editor

October 2010 Special Events & Contests

Oct. 9	FISTS Fall Sprint - CW only.
Oct. 9-17	National Wildlife Refuge Week - Many Special Event Stations on the air.
Oct. 10	10-10 Sprint - 10 meters only.
Oct. 10	North American RTTY Sprint
Oct. 18	School Club Roundup
Oct. 18-23	75 th Anniversary of Coast Guard Auxiliary - Many Special Event stations on the air.
Oct. 23 & 24	NB9QV - USS Cobia ARC Commemorating 28 subs built during WW2 in Manitowoc, WI.
Oct. 30	CQ World Wide SSB Contest.
You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the October 2010 issue of QST on pages 84 and 91.	

September 2010 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	35	Ø	72	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	65	Ø	104	KF5CNU Grant
Acadiana ARES Net	4	20	2	30	N5LRZ Ray
Vermilion Parish ARES Ne5	5	36	Ø	71	KE5JXC Arnold
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	1	* M 3 / G 2	Ø	10	KE5JKD Larry

The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. - Winston Churchill

What to do with AMOS? - The AARA's Club Emergency Van

At the last few club meeting, the subject of what are we going to do with our club van. At the present time, the vehicle needs some mechanical work preformed in order to pass inspection, insurance premiums, and other odds and ends in order to put it in operating conditions. This will cost the club some monies. Questions are: Do we use the vehicle enough to suffice spending this money? Should we sell and do without a vehicle, sell and buy a "towed" vehicle or buy a more up-to-date vehicle?

At the September General Meeting, a committee was assembled headed by V.P. Archie W5AG and consisting of ED WA5TNK, Grant KF5CNU, Nick KE5MWX, and Linda KE5HSY to look into this matter and report back in 60 days before any decisions are made.

Nick K5QXJ suggested we do a "on-the-air" discussion after the AARA Monday Night Net at 7:30 PM on the 146.82 W5DDL repeater. The first discussion was held on Monday September 13th. Nick K5QXK served as moderator. Those checking in and expressing their views were: KE5MWX, KD5JCT, WA6MDI, KF5CNU, W5AG, KE5ZZM, W5MLE, N5NVP, KE5UPK, KF5ENE, KF5CNS, KE5KJD, KE5KJF, and KN5GRK.

Some questions were asked on how we need to get the vehicle ready to be safe on the highway or for sale. It was suggested that we get a qualified DOT inspection with a list of things that do no meet DOT specifications. Nick KE5MWX volunteered to look into getting this done. Grant KF5CNU volunteered to check around and get some of the "towed" vehicles specs and prices. Another subject mentioned by Jim N5NVP was to get a qualified person to write a proposal and try to obtain a grant.

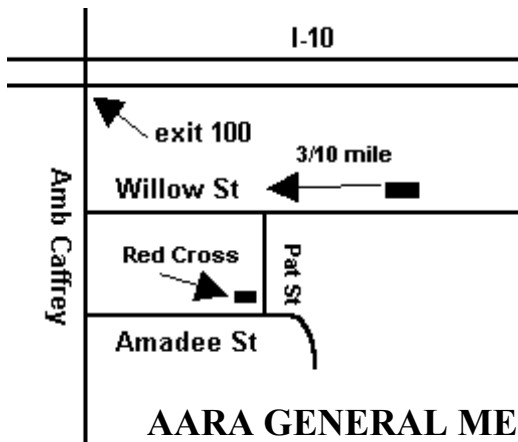
The 2nd session of the "on-the-air" was held on Monday September 27th at 8:30 PM with Archie W5AG as the moderator. Numerous comments pros/cons were made about keeping AMOS, or selling and getting a "towed" unit. Grant KF5CNU found a towed FEMA trailer that looked really nice and pictures and details were sent to members. Nick KE5MWX checked with the State Police about getting someone to come out and inspect AMOS and get an idea of what needs to be done to pass DOT standards, the reply was "we don't do that, you will have to get a Certified State Inspection mechanic or a certified mechanic to do that"! Jim N5NVP did not check in to give his report on getting a grant for monies and equipment for a new vehicle. The session lasted about one hour. Archie plans to have AMOS at the October meeting around 5:00 PM so anyone wanting a tour are welcome to show up. Those checking in on this session were: W5AG, KF5CNU, W4JHC, KN5GRK, K5VSH, KE5RPI & W5MLE, KF5ENE, KE5MWX, KD5JCT and KE5KJD.

More to be discussed at the October 7th meeting. Hope to hear from you then.



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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 7th, 2010 - 7:00 PM

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

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Cajun Pot Roast

From: <http://www.kitchendaily.com>

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| 1 2 - 2 1/2 pound boneless beef chuck
pot roast | 1 cup chopped onion |
| 2 to 3 teaspoons Cajun seasoning* | 1 cup chopped celery |
| 1 tablespoon cooking oil | 1/4 cup quick-cooking tapioca |
| 1 14 & 1/2 ounce can Cajun-style or
Mexican-style stewed tomatoes | 1 teaspoon bottled minced garlic or
2 cloves garlic, minced |
| | Hot cooked rice |

Directions

Trim fat from roast. Cut roast to fit in crockery cooker, if necessary. Rub Cajun seasoning all over meat. In a large skillet brown meat on all sides in hot oil.

In a 3-1/2 to 4-quart crockery cooker combine un-drained tomatoes, onion, celery, tapioca, and garlic. Place meat on top of vegetable mixture.

Cover and cook on low-heat setting for 10 to 12 hours or on high-heat setting for 5 to 6 hours.

Slice meat; serve with sauce over rice. Makes 6 servings.

Note: Look for Cajun seasoning in the spice section of your supermarket. Or, to make your own, mix together 1 to 1-1/2 teaspoons seasoned salt, 1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon ground red pepper, and 1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper.

Make-Ahead Tip: This mildly spiced meat and sauce also make a delicious hot sandwich. Using two forks, shred any leftover meat. Combine the shredded beef and remaining sauce in a storage container; cover and freeze for up to 3 months. When ready to eat, thaw mixture overnight in the refrigerator. Pour into a saucepan and heat through. Serve on hard rolls with sliced tomato and sliced green onion.

If you have a favorite recipe, send it to:
Herman Campbell KN5GRK - Editor



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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